

to be is nothing so common for people to get married  
and then part from those husbands. They are three who board  
here and their husbands have left them. Tell brother if he  
should get tired of Sarah he must come and live here. Now  
I should like to have James and Sarah come here and see me  
they would enjoy their visits so well.  
My dear Parents and Sisters. West Pl. July 29 68  
When you write tell me what Mr. Ripley said. Everything  
fatigued, I sit me down to write. Although tired and  
expected a letter long before this time, but I  
thought I would wait until I had become better  
impaired. Yet I will tell you of my journey  
which was very pleasant. Mr. Alena Pease got into the  
coach at Sandbornton, and went for as Hooksett.  
He was very sociable and paid me good attention. He  
said he had known Father for a long time.  
He spoke very highly of Edward and Charlotte, and all  
the family. He was well acquainted with  
Mr. Ripley and thought him a very fine man.  
He did not see me on board of the cars,  
as he had a great deal of business to attend to at  
Concord. When I arrived at Concord I gave  
the driver fifty cents, ordered him to carry Aunt  
Abigail for the same price which he did. I then took  
that bundle out of my Carpet Bag which belonged  
to Aunt A. and my baggage marked Boston, and Aunt A.  
said Mr. Dana was sick, and he thought it would be  
as cheap and much more safe, and comfortable  
I bought a ticket which was two dollars and fifty cents,  
for my baggage and Aunt A. was safe and  
well. When we arrived at Lowell Aunt A. left  
city of Boston. I did not feel at all frightened or  
confused as you imagined I should at the  
huge masses of buildings and multitude of people  
I saw. When seated on the coach I told the driver  
to carry me to the Office of Friend of the Slave. On our way  
he overtook the Omnibus. The driver stopped and  
asked the Driver if he would carry me out to West-  
bury. He replied in one half hour he should  
be there. I then told the driver to leave me at the  
Stage Office where he did. I went up those  
winding stairs that were about to the Parlor and in  
less than half a hour, I was aboard the Omnibus  
riding my way to the Cammanity. I arrived  
at the Rev. George Ripley's a little past six in the  
evening feeling much fatigued. I called for the  
Rev. Mr. Ripley; he was absent. In about five  
minutes I was asked out to tea in the presence of  
about ninety, all entire strangers. They seemed to  
gaze at me with astonishment and surprise but I  
think I was never treated with more politeness  
and attention than I was there. After tea Mr. Ripley  
came in and received me very cordially. He certainly  
is one of the most beautiful men I ever saw. He is tall,  
handsome, wears very large whiskers, and is prepossessing in



manner. I think I never saw a man who would gain the love of another as soon as he will. Miss Prentiss one of the teachers took me to her room, told me how she came there a stranger, how she felt &c. &c. She took me out in the garden, told me the names of many ladies and gentlemen who were playing on the common. Mr. Rippley's sister, Mrs. Pychman, a lady from New York who resides there, asked me to walk to the Pilgrim House. She then took me to the Cottage, and bid me Good night, and I was glad enough to go. I will describe to you the situation of the place. It is certainly a delightful place, although very different from what I imagined. There are four separate buildings. The Pilgrim House, the Exer. Cottage, and Hall, where we eat our meals, and all that come else. They are situated about as far from each other as our house is from the Sunday School. There is no aristocracy prevailing here, although many complain of being neglected. I think there would be a distinction made, but you know it is against their principle, but they treat me with as much kindness and respect as though I paid five dollars a week for board. You recollect the plan of this Community speaks of securing no individual goals unless capable of repentment, a great taste for Literature, and possessed of superior abilities, but I assure you there are a great many the reverse. The fact is they are rather dull, and hard work in their studies, and I am inclined to think some will always remain so, though there are many pretty ladies and gentlemen and some mean characters. I should think I judge only from looks and appearances. There are three bells blown in the morning the first is sounded a little before five, the second half past five, and the third at six, to call them to break fast. I immediately after breakfast I proceed to the morning room, which is to the Pilgrim House (or to the morning room just as they wish me to) and there remain until the morning sounds for dinner, which is half past twelve. The work is very hard and wearing to the constitution. It is now vacation, many of the teachers are absent, and he study at our rooms. Mrs. Rippley's sister is my teacher. She is a old maid and is one of the most precise beings I ever saw, I can describe her in no other way only to say she resembles old Mrs. Gloy very much indeed (I think Father would like her on that account) though she is called a very worthy person. We go to Mrs. Rippley's room at four, and there remain three hours. The remainder of the time we stay at our room. The advantages here are not as good as I imagined neither do I think there can be so much improvement made here as at some other institution. But I like very well and I shall probably stay here six months, or a year and perhaps I may finish my Education here if I can stand it to work as hard as I now do. But I find I have grown pale and poor already though I feel pretty well most of the time. You will now wish to know what these religious principles are, &



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Miss Sophia Ann Eastman  
In care of Rev George

I put a letter according to tried and must wish you good night  
 It was the clock when I began this letter and it is now eight  
 Ten o'clock. I shall not be concerned about me for if  
 I am sick I shall be taken good care of. When you write  
 tell me about Edward & that I only wish him to get  
 out of the house. I am in the city and I am not going to  
 give out and I am in the city. Good night.